

Remarks:

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are amended.

Claim 4 is original.

Claims 11-21 are new.

The application contains claims 1-21.

Claim 1 is amended to delete the phrase "C₅-C₁₄aryl" from the definition of R₁.

Claim 2 is amended to rename the substituent R₁ as R'₁ and to delete the phrase "C₁-C₁₂alkoxy" from the definition of R'₁ and R'₃.

Claim 3 is amended to remove multiple dependency by deleting references to compounds of formula II of claim 2, processes for preparing said compounds and intermediates of formula V useful in their preparation. Claim 3 is further amended for clarity by specifying claim 1 as the source of formula I and the variables therein, by specifically naming the intermediate as formula III and by adjusting the punctuation.

Claim 5 is amended to delete formula VI and to rename the formula VII substituent R₁ as R''₁ for clarity.

Claim 6 is amended to incorporate formula VI with substituent R₁ renamed as R''₁ for clarity and to also incorporate the description of substituents R''₁ and U. The acid halogenide is also specifically referred to as a dicarboxylic acid halogenide for clarity. Support is found in original claims 5 and 6.

Claim 7 is amended to reflect the renaming of the formula VII substituent R₁ as R''₁ in claim 5 and to specifically refer to the acid halogenide used as a tetracarboxylic acid halogenide for clarity.

Claims 8-10 are amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claims 11 and 12 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 3 and 4 upon the amendment of claim 3.

Claims 13-15 are added to reclaim material deleted from claim 8 upon the amendment of claims 8 and 3. Support is found in original claims 3 and 8.

Claims 16-18 are added to reclaim material deleted from claim 9 upon the amendment of claims 9 and 3. Support is found in original claims 3 and 9.

Claims 19-21 are added to reclaim material deleted from claim 10. Support is found in original claim 10.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler A. Stevenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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